

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant has cancelled claims 2-3, 9, 15, and 34 without prejudice. New claims 36-38 have been added.

The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of former claims 3, 5-7, 13, 15, and 17-21 was allowable if rewritten in independent form. In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, the following amendments are presently made:

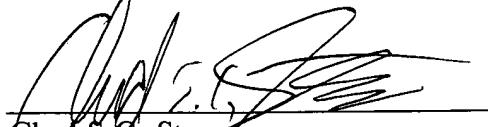
Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of former claims 1 and 3 into current claim 1, incorporated the subject matter of former claims 1 and 5 into current claim 1, incorporated the subject matter of former claims 8 and 15 into current claim 8, incorporated the subject matter of former claims 8, 9, 10, and 13 into current claim 13, and incorporated the subject matter of former claims 8, 9, and 17 into current claim 17. Applicant submits that these claims, and the claims dependent upon them, are now in condition for allowance.

New claims 36-38, dependent upon current claim 13, have been added to further define the invention. The subject matter of these new claims was previously presented in relation to other independent claims.

Inasmuch as all issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is respectfully requested.

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